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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KS, CH

SUBJ: JAPAN-ROK CONTINENTAL SHELF TREATY

REF: TOKYO 2849

SUMMARY: RATIFICATION OF CONTINENTAL SHELF TREATY
CONTINUES TO ENCOUNTER DELAYS BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION

WITHIN LDP. END SUMMARY

1. DURING PRESS BACKGROUNDER MAR 7, FONMIN OHIRA
CONFIRMED THAT CONTINENTAL SHELF TREATY WOULD NOT
AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED BE PRESENTED TO REGULAR CABINET
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MEETING MAR 8 FOR FORMAL APPROVAL AND

TRANSMISSION TO DIET. OHIRA DID NOT INDICATE WHEN THIS ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN, BUT FONOFF SOURCE (NORTHEAST ASIA DEP DIV HEAD ASAIAK) INFORMED US THERE WILL BE DELAY OF AT LEAST ONE OR TWO WEEKS PRIMARILY BECAUSE GOVT IS STILL IN PROCESS OF OVERCOMING OPPOSITION TO TREATY IN SOME QUARTERS OF LDP (SEE REFTEL). ASAIAK ADDED THAT MITI MUST ALSO DRAFT DOMESTIC LEGISLATION REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TREATY AND THIS IS PROVING TO BE COMPLICATED TASK.

2. PRESS SPECULATED THAT FURTHER REASON FOR DELAY WAS PRC OPPOSITION TO TREATY AND REQUEST FOR GOJ CONSULTATIONS WITH PRC AND DPRK AS QTE NATIONS CONCERNED UNQTE. ASAIAK SAID THERE WAS NO BASIS FOR SUCH SPECULATION, AND SPECIFICALLY DENIED THAT PRC HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO GOJ ON THIS SUBJECT SINCE THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENT IN EARLY FEBRUARY. OHIRA HAD ALSO ADDRESSED THIS POINT WHEN QUESTIONED BY JSP DIETMEMBER IN LOWER HOUSE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MARCH 6. ON THAT OCCASION, OHIRA ACKNOWLEDGED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN ON THIS ISSUE, BUT SAID THEY WOULD NOT IMPAIR FRIENDLY RELATIONS. HE ALSO DENIED ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS ISSUE AND DIFFICULTIES FACING JAPAN-CHINA CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT.
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